IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : Charrier et al.

For : CASPASE INHIBITORS AND USES THEREOF

March 31, 2008 Cambridge, Massachusetts

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the October 29, 2007 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have submitted herewith a request for a two-month (2-month) extension of time to reply to the Office Action. The time for this reply is up to an including March 31, 2008 (March 29 and March 30 being a Saturday and a Sunday, respectively). Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

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